



SF 431 – Fine Arts Curriculum and Learning Skills (LSB2387SV.1)
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Fiscal Note Version – As Amended and passed by the Senate

Description

Senate File 431, as amended and passed by the Senate, modifies the statute that requires the State Board of Education to address in administrative rules core content standards for the core curriculum and the skills and knowledge students needed to be successful in the 21st century. The Bill adds music, visual arts, drama and theater, and other fine and applied arts to the 21st century learning skills. The Bill requires the Department of Education to employ a consultant to oversee the development of and compliance with the fine arts core curriculum and to provide guidance for professional development programs, strategies, and materials. The Bill may contain a state mandate as defined in Iowa Code section **25B.3**.

The Bill does not conflict with the educational standards established in Iowa Code sections **256.11(3)**, **256.11(4)** and **256.11(5)(i)** regarding course offerings or the content of fine arts, referred to colloquially as “offer and teach.” The Bill specifies that the determination and offering of assessments of fine arts content is not mandated and will be determined locally, but the Department of Education may provide model assessments aligned with the fine arts content standards.

Assumptions

- The Department will add 1.0 FTE position at a cost of \$115,000 annually (salary and benefits) to fulfill the requirement to add a consultant position.
- The Bill may result in one-time additional costs to school districts, but the extent of those costs cannot be determined.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated cost to the Department of Education for the required employment of a consultant is \$115,000 annually. The estimated cost to local school districts is unknown and will be determined on a district-by-district basis.

Source

Department of Education
LSA Analysis

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